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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Non-Entry of Reply Brief***

Applicant filed a reply brief on January 26, 2004, along with a request for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a). According to 37 CFR §1.136(a), appellant may file a reply brief to an examiner's answer or a supplemental examiner's answer within two months from the date of the examiner's answer (July 25, 2003). However, when a reply cannot be filed within the time period set for such reply, appellant had to use 37 CFR § 1.136(b) to request an extension of time for filing such reply brief, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.136(b).

Accordingly, appellant's 01-26-2004 reply brief is not timely filed. Therefore, it is not entered.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shouxiang Hu whose telephone number is 571-272-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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